

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE FRESHEST
LOCAL MENTIONMatters Personal and General in
and Around Portsmouth.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

Gossip and Events in Which Our People
are Interested, Chronicled in Concise
Form A Daily Diary of Happenings
Presented to Our Readers Fresh Every
Morning Snap Shots of Our Busy City.

Mr. Joseph Howe has sufficiently recovered to be out on the streets yesterday.

There will be five applicants for the position of clerk of the Council to-night. Master Garland Culpepper will give a graphophone entertainment at his home, No. 201 Dinwiddie street, tomorrow afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock for the benefit of the Junior Epworth League of Monumental Church. Admission, five cents.

There was a large attendance of the legal fraternity present at the opening of the Norfolk County Circuit Court yesterday.

People should be careful to see that their doors are securely fastened before night to prevent robberies.

The docket in the Police Court yesterday morning was not of interest. It contained nothing but "drunks" and "disorderlies." The total amount assessed was \$21.

Ben Jordan, colored, was lodged in the county jail Sunday by Constable Carmine on the charge of stealing iron to the value of \$10 from Mr. T. B. Bantline.

Miss Jennie Jewell, of Scranton, Pa., who has been visiting in this city for two weeks, returned to her home yesterday.

The new Democratic club in the Fourth Ward is increasing in membership.

Those who got up early yesterday morning were quite surprised to see snow on the ground.

There was a large attendance at the Park View Baseball Society meeting Sunday afternoon.

Miss Dyson will give a solace to-night at Maupin's Hall.

Yesterday afternoon a man with a cart ran into a buggy and cut one of the wheels off, which caused the horse to run away, throwing the man out, hurrying him quite badly, and wrecking the buggy.

The Board of Supervisors will hold their regular monthly meeting this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The members of the Court Street Baptist Church raised \$700 yesterday toward sending a missionary to China. Attention is called to the advertisement of owner wanted for a hog that was found on Isiah Sharp's farm.

Mr. D. B. Routlet, of Abysville, S. C., was in the city yesterday on business.

The members of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union are requested to meet to-night at the hall at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be a musical and literary entertainment to-night at Mrs. Beasley's. See advertisement.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Emmet Deans.

A lost pocket-book, containing \$64, is advertised for. The finder will receive a reward by returning the same as directed.

The City Council will meet to-night. It will be an important meeting.

There were several "scraps" in the suburbs Sunday afternoon. Justice Peed disposed of some of them yesterday.

The early arrival of the Northern paper Sunday was greatly appreciated. The newsmen were benefitted by the same.

There will be an entertainment to-night at the residence of Mrs. Russ, in Brighton, for the benefit of the Methodist Mission Church.

There will be a meeting of the Y. W. C. U. at the home of the president, No. 318 Dinwiddie street, at 4 p. m. All young people are cordially invited to be present.

Officer Hooftagle yesterday arrested James Hodges, colored, for the county authorities. Hodges is implicated in the robbery of Mrs. Garrett's house at Port Norfolk about three weeks ago.

Sunday morning, about 9 o'clock, a young married lady living in the county, near the city limits, took a suicidal intent. A physician was summoned, and through his efforts the lady's life was saved.

There was a cutting scrape on the ferryboat Sunday morning. One of the parties received several cuts.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Guy's Cafe, which is open day and night. The place is neat and tidy, and everything is in good condition.

All the plans for Central's new church will be completed this week. Rids will then be asked for to build the same.

Wright Memorial Church has purchased a new library containing 400 new books.

Mr. Edward Overman is preparing plans for the new parsonage of Monumental Church, where the old parsonage now stands.

The March meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The first full rehearsal of "Princess Ronnie" will be held in Elks' Opera House this evening at 8 o'clock. Every one who took part in the former production are especially invited to be present.

The Naval Congressional Committee has postponed indefinitely its trip to the navy-yard in this city, for the purpose of inspecting the works. The committee was at Newport News Saturday afternoon, and were to have come here afterwards, but instead returned at once to Washington.

The attendance of pupils of the Norfolk county public schools is said to be excellent. There are eighty scholars in all—fifty white and thirty colored.

The Baptist ministers' Conference went to Virginia Beach yesterday morning.

There was an overflowing congregation of the Fourth Street Baptist Church Sunday night. Evangelist Garland preached a powerful sermon on "Assurance," and made a profound impression. There were a number of professions of faith. The meeting will continue during this week. Bible reading at 2:15 and preaching at 7:45.

At the regular meeting of Tidewater Lodge No. 66, I. O. F., last night Past Grand C. W. King was elected

representative and Past Grand J. Leon Codd alternate to the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the order, to be held at Hot Springs, Va., May 10th next.

Mr. R. S. Brooks tells you that if you want to rent or sell property call on him.

Mr. Shrier says that his business was better yesterday than it has been in over a year, and that it was all due to him, on Sunday in this paper.

Politics in the city of Portsmouth is a very interesting thing at present. The different candidates for the many positions to be filled at the May election are putting in their clearest work. The preliminaries are about arranged and the battle of ballots is on in earnest, and from now till the day of the primary it will be Greek meet Greek and thus a very large vote will be attracted to the polls.

The W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Maggie Peele, 725 High street.

The bonnet party given at the residence of Mrs. E. B. Lewis, on South street, last night for the benefit of the new Central Church, was a brilliant success.

The Portsmouth Hook and Ladder Company at a regular meeting last night decided to have its third annual parade and banquet on the 12th of next month. The Seaboard Air Line band will furnish the music.

Mr. C. C. Williams, whose name will be presented to the City Council to-night for election to the position of city clerk, has the unqualified endorsement of the Central Labor Union of South-eastern Virginia.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Yesterday morning at the usual hour the spring term of the Circuit Court of Norfolk county began, with Judge H. R. Prentiss on the bench.

The docket was called and several cases were continued, the following being set for trial on the dates given:

Joseph M. Lieby vs. Norfolk and Ocean View Railway Company, \$10,000 damages; set for March 20.

S. B. W. vs. Atlantic and Danville Railway Company; set for March 22.

Matthew Corbin vs. Norfolk Street Railway Company; plea of statute of limitation.

Edwin Pitts, etc., vs. Norfolk and Western Railway Company; March 19.

Franklin D. Gill and Cornelius Thomas vs. city of Portsmouth and Norfolk county, covenant broken; March 15.

The case of Julius T. Sheets vs. Charles E. Harper, for libel, was called and Mr. Harper, through his attorneys, pleaded not guilty. The case was set for a hearing. Mr. Harper has retained Messrs. Wool & White and Edwards & Harper. Mr. Sheets' attorneys are H. H. Rumble and Judge D. Tucker Brooke.

Richmond Store Company vs. Annie Goodman, March 14th.

Wade H. Codd vs. L. E. Hubbard & Co., assumpsit, March 14th.

A VERY BOLD ROBBER.

For several nights past Dr. R. R. Robertson and family and Mr. S. W. Niemeyer, residing in the Niemeyer homestead, on Swimming Point, have been troubled with a man who seems determined to carry off some of the valuables contained in the household.

He has been shot at on one or two occasions, but this did not seem to deter the man from continuing to make attempts to gain an entrance to the house.

Saturday he tried again, but was driven off temporarily by bullets from a pistol handled by Mr. Niemeyer. But nothing daunted he came again Sunday night and got in the front door, where again he was fired at, but in less than a half hour he forced an entrance in the basement, ransacked the pantry and piled up all the table ware he could find in a heap ready to be carried away.

He then proceeded upstairs, and even had the audacity to open the door of a room in which Mr. Niemeyer was taking a bath. He got away without carrying a bullet in his body.

A regular watch is set now for this very bold fellow, and a right royal warm welcome will be given him if he dares to venture again around those premises.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be a musical and literary entertainment to-night at the residence of Mrs. Beasley, in Park View, for the benefit of the Park View Baptist Church.

The following is the program: Quartette—Song of the Whippoorwill. Bass solo—Mr. J. E. Dunbar.

Recitation—Miss Sue Russell.

Soprano solo—Mrs. Tullien.

Recitation—Mr. F. C. Chisnell.

Contralto solo—Mrs. Lula Wilkins.

Recitation—Miss Russell.

Tenor solo—Mr. J. E. Pentress.

Quartette—"Come Where the Lilies Bloom."

Refreshments will be served at the close at city prices. Admission 25 cents.

WANTED TO KILL HIMSELF.

Saturday afternoon a colored man named Wm. Turner walked into a justice of the peace's office in the county and said that he wanted to kill himself. He asked for the loan of a pistol, as he wanted to blow his brains out. The justice said I will do that for you. He replied, I would prefer to do it myself.

The justice had him locked up, as he said that he would kill himself if allowed to go. Sunday afternoon he was released at the request of his wife.

Turner has attempted suicide once before by jumping overboard. He claims that he is financially embarrassed by going security for a man, which will cause him to lose his home.

ATTEMPT AT HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Sunday night a gentleman named Belt, who boards at Mrs. Carpenter's, in front of the Portsmouth street railroad power-house, ate his supper and started for church. Just as he stepped out on the porch a negro, who was hid behind the fence, threw a brick and hit him in the head, cutting it quite badly. The blow caused Mr. Belt to fall, and in doing so he sprained his ankle. The negro, who no doubt struck him with the intention of robbery, became frightened at the approach of someone and ran off before he secured anything.

EVENTS TO-DAY.

Seaside Lodge, No. 80, K. of P.

United Council, No. 366, A. L. of H.

Wildley Encampment, No. 3, I. O. O.

Old Dominion Conclave, No. 293, I. O. H.

Howard Division, No. 2, S. of T.

City Council, Council Chamber.

Board of Supervisors, County Court-House.

Ancient Order Hibernians, Benevolent.

Trinity Chapter, No. 346, B. of St. A.

Nervous Headache Cured

Speedily. No danger by Hick's Capudine. 15 and 25c, at drug stores.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The following is the roll of honor in the public schools for February:

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Class of 1902—Hunter Porter, Foster Staples, Susie Porter.

Class of 1903—Annie Pruden.

Class of 1904—Samuel Saunders, Margaret Thorne.

SECOND DISTRICT.

First Intermediate—Jennie Mitchell, Bertha Emmerson.

Second Intermediate—Bessie Jacobson, Fannie Rosenthal, Marie Walker.

Third Primary—Raymond Dempsey, Roy White, Ethel Fitchett, Fannie Manning, Julia Webb, Penelope White.

Second Primary—Grace Curling, Laura Huggins, Raynor Fairless, Frank Fitchett, Moses Goodman, William White.

First Primary—George Ballance, John Cain, Thurman Gaskin, Harry Lash, Carol Roane, Emma Bishop, Elsie Gay, Emily Johnson, Sue Barron Emmerson.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Third Grammar—Blanford Sadler.

Second Grammar—Blanche Powers.

First Grammar—Kittie Barrett, Marie Ennis.

Second Intermediate—Josie Barrett, Rosa Esleek, Annie Myers, Elma Roane.

First Intermediate—Addie Butt, Hille Huggins, Norrie Hoffer, Maggie Cross, Lila Tate, Annie Johnston, Brooke Hutt, Frank McLean, Genevieve Ballance, Wilma Thomas.

Third Primary—Hazel Calvert, Virgie Armstrong, Annie Lewis.

Second Primary—Stanley Williams, Marie Myers.

First Primary—Ethel Myers, May Murdock, Aggie Linton, Lillian Etheridge, Maud Lovitt.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Second Grammar—Wilson Pendleton.

First Grammar—Ruth Hathaway, Cecile Williams.

Second Intermediate—Ellis Butt, Agnes Earnest, Grace Huggins, Mary Williams, Annie Robertson.

First Intermediate—Linda Bain, Roselyn Moseley.

Third Primary—Margaret Renn, Lucille Robinson, Frances Sharp, Bessie Smith, Josie Wall.

Second Primary—Regie Allen, Grace Codd, Marguerite Dongan, Lucy Locke, Mary Murray, Katie Porter, Maggie Tabb, Callie Maxwell.

First Primary—Willie Kraft, Vance Owens, Sallie Brown, Sallie Duke, Maggie Newell, Dorette Wigg, Lucy Allen Woodley.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Third Grammar—Serena Moseley, Emma Deans.

Second Grammar—Martha Wright, Rosa Solomon, Eldora Hall.

Second Intermediate—Ellie Rodgers, Bessie Sanford.

First Intermediate—Walter Stanback, Willard Small, Mary Smith, Marie Bell.

Third Primary—Sadie Archer, Wesley Pagan, Anderson Godwin, Charles Moseley, Bessie Brown, Blanche Driver, Fostina Robinson, Andrew Riddick.

First Primary—Cecilia Gaines, Lenora Jones, Hughla Bess.

ANOTHER BIG DISCHARGE.

There was another big discharge in the navy yard yesterday, occasioned by the lack of material.

In the construction department as many as 120 ship joiners were given their walking papers and several others of various trades were also discharged. The authorities say that there is money sufficient in hand to carry on the work and plenty of work to do, the cause of the discharges being the inability of the material men to keep the yard supplied, the utilization of it being much greater than the supply.

The majority of the men will be recalled as soon as the material arrives, which is hoped, by the men, to be at a very early day.

A NERVOUS THIEF.

Yesterday morning Mr. Augustus Moore was standing out in front of his stand, in the market, his son James being behind the stand reading. Mr. Moore turned his back to look at something on South street when a negro walked up to the stand and took a large turkey from off a hook and went off with it. Neither of the gentlemen saw him when he did it.

Another huckster told Mr. Moore that he saw a colored boy in front of the market-house wrapping up a turkey. An effort was made to find the boy, but without success. This is what might be called a nervous piece of business.

BISHOP FUNSTEN HERE.

The Richmond Dispatch of Sunday says: The Rt. Rev. James B. Funsten, Bishop of Boise, Idaho, is in the city and will preach this morning at 11 o'clock at St. Andrew's Church, and at 5 o'clock this evening he will preach at St. James Church on Indian work in Western Wyoming and Idaho.

There being four Indian reservations in Bishop Funsten's district, his subject will be a most interesting one, and his many friends in this city will be glad to again have the opportunity of hearing him preach.

HUSTING'S COURT.

The Grand Jury in this court yesterday was called and found the following true bills:

William Flannagan, William Thomas, house breaking; William Clariborne, larceny; Cornelius Smith, house breaking; William W. Parker, alias William Allen, grand larceny; Henry Shields, alias Henry Hicks, house breaking.

S. Rosenthal, a native of Russia, became a naturalized citizen.

Harry Bunkley and Charles T. Bland qualified as notaries public.

W. H. Land qualified to practice law.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Claude A. Roane to W. B. Richardson, lot west side of Webster avenue, between Leckie and Villa streets; also lot adjoining on the south; \$1,130.

Peter C. Kaufman and wife and others to John Brooks Kaufman, lots with appurtenances south side of County and east side of Green; \$5 and other considerations.

Now is Your Chance.

For the next thirty days we will offer the best building lots in Park View for sale cheap. Sewer connections guaranteed with every sale. Buy now, before the usual rise in prices in the spring, and save from 5 to 10 per cent. Remember we offer special inducements for thirty days only. Will be glad to show you our property.

THE SEABOARD REAL ESTATE CO., No. 214 High street (upstairs).

Insurance solicited.

Chas. R. Welton & Co. have removed to 203 High street, Noah's Ark's old stand.

THAT VALUATION COMMISSION.

What Mr. Bland Has to Say in Reference to It.

Portsmouth, Va., March 12, 1900. To the Editor of the Virginian-Pilot:

In view of the fact that great interest has been manifested by the general public to know who voted for and against the Parks bill, known as the Commission of Valuation, I desire to say that I was never in sympathy with the measure.

On the contrary I prepared a resolution disapproving the action of the House in the matter. I voted against the Glass bill, having for its object the creation of a department to be known as "traveling auditors," which I thought on the order of the spy system on the officers of the State and, certainly, I could not, with any degree of consistency, support a measure which created more than 100 additional officers, and perfected what I considered to be a spy system on the whole people of the State, and destined, if allowed to stand, to retard the progress of the State.

The following over the signature of the Speaker of the House of Delegates will show those interested my position in the matter:

"Rocky Mount, Va., March 9, 1900. Hon. C. T. Bland:

"My Dear Sir—Your letter to hand. I recall distinctly that you brought to me a resolution along the same lines as the one adopted in the Senate, relating to the commissioners of valuation bill."

"This resolution you contemplated offering, for I remember that you talked with me upon the subject."

"About this time, however, there was a great pressure of business, with the House working under special rules, so that it was difficult to get up anything outside of the business provided for being considered under these special rules."

"Yours very truly,"

"E. W. SAUNDERS."

Very respectfully,

CHAS. T. BLAND.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health held their regular weekly meeting last night, with the following members present: E. L. Lash, president; Walter Clark and M. L. Hunt.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Sanitary Inspector submitted his report, showing the number of nuisances abated and those unabated. He also reported the sanitary condition of the city good. On motion the report was ordered to be filed.

Present—E. R. Barksdale.

Mr. E. L. Pollard was elected a member of the board from the Fourth Ward. A letter was read from Mr. Joseph E. Weaver in reference to a bill due by one of the smallpox patients. On motion the bill was allowed.

All properly approved bills were allowed.

IS THIS THE MAN?

There is in the county jail a colored man named Perry Berry. Justice C. C. Peed sent him there Sunday, the man being suspected of being implicated in the recent hold-up in Park View, in which Mr. Curtis, a well-known insurance agent, was the victim.

Berry will be held until Mr. Curtis has an opportunity of seeing him. He was arrested on suspicion of being the negro who robbed Hodges' drug store towards learned in Park View, in which Mr. Curtis, a well-known insurance agent, was the victim.

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